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Rental Restrictions Hit Salisbury

By Bryan Shone

As the population of students at Salisbury University continues to multiply, so do their conflicts with the community. The community of Salisbury has recently taken legal action towards the increased number of persons, including SU students, who are seeking off campus housing within the city.

S. Mark Tilghman and his wife Susan S. Tilghman, two attorneys who work and reside in Salisbury, sparked these community actions by sending a request in writing to the City Council of Salisbury that asks for no more than two unrelated persons be allowed to live together when renting a house in Salisbury.

Salisbury's City Council Executive Officer of seven years, John Pick, said, "Mayor Barry Tilghman was concerned about the proposal that the Tilghmans sent to the City Council," and therefore, "the mayor proposed and the City Council enacted a three-month moratorium on the conversion of single-family residences to rental use."

Beginning July 9th, 2002 no house owners residing in the city of Salisbury could begin to rent their houses to anyone. Pick said that the moratorium on rentals is scheduled to end on October 9th, although Mayor Tilghman could propose for an extension.

Kathy Groutt, the Director of Housing and Residence Life at SU, said, "The shift from owner occupied housing to rentals at such a fast pace caused the people of certain communities to get together and stop these accelerating conversions."

"In no case shall more than two unrelated persons, a rooming or boarding house, a hotel or a fraternity or sorority house constitute a family," said the Tilghmans in their request to the city council.

"Unrelated individuals, living together under the same roof, are less likely to share common acquaintances. They attract greater numbers of visitors, increase the population density, create a greater number of cars to be parked, and a greater amount of traffic on our streets. The greater number of people and the greater number of cars, in turn, generate more noise," said the Tilghmans to the city council.

Regarding the lifestyle of house renters in Salisbury, the Tilghmans said, "The occupants keep separate finances and live separate lives in buildings which have often been modified to permit four or more unrelated adults to reside therein, in segregated portions of the home."

Photo by Michelle Bennett

Another reaction to the request from the Tilghmans occurred this summer when Mayor Tilghman created the Housing Process Action Team (HPAT) to "look into a variety of issues related to housing conditions in Salisbury, including rental properties."

The 14 HPAT members, led by Pick, were "comprised of residents of Salisbury, both renters and homeowners, city officials, a Wicomico County official, SU officials, members of the property management industry, and a representative of Salisbury Neighborhood Housing Service." Of the 14 members, only one was a SU student.

In reaction to the Tilghmans' written request and the ongoing community support for their requests to be granted, the HPAT has sent suggestions to the City Council to help them take action. These suggestions are in response to issues that were charged by Mayor Tilghman for the HPAT to look into.

The basis for this suggestion from the HPAT runs parallel to the Tilghman's reasons. "It would help to maintain the population density" and it would "help to maintain the integrity of these single family neighborhoods by taking away the economic incentive to convert these housing units to rentals."

Along with the idea to reduce the number of unrelated persons within a rented household, the HPAT also suggested other plans to help the problems surrounding student rentals. Encouraging clustered student housing by streamlining permits and encouraging commercial/student housing mixed uses at the old mall and downtown, etc

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Letter from the Editor

By Adam Lehman

The word "landlord" has a negative connotation in the Salisbury University community, and over the past few years tenant/landlord relationships have gotten weaker. I feel most Salisbury landlords do not exemplify characteristics of decent proprietors. Many landlords try to squeeze as many tenants as they can into a house (which is one of the reasons the city has placed a moratorium on renting a house). Others build cheap houses, with industrial strength high-traffic carpet and plastic tiles on the stairways. Some roommates pay $1600 for an apartment when a larger house would cost at least $400 less.

In an ideal world prospective renters would be able to boycott these slumlords, but the state of housing in Salisbury won't allow for any successful way to boycott. Each year transfer students scramble to find any house they can, and they often get stuck signing a lease without knowing the reputation behind the landlord.

A staggering 68% of SU's students live off-campus. Is that a high figure compared to other schools? I don't know. Does it mean that many of the students are affected by the poor business practices of landlords? Of course!

For once I wish that the university would take a more active part in solving the landlord problems. Being more proactive is not just up to the administration, but the students should also be more involved.

Instead of being neutral like Switzerland, I wish the university's administration would take a more active approach to helping out the students. We know Mayor Tillman doesn't like us, so the university should use its influence to help. Perhaps someone in Holloway Hall could issue a strongly worded statement that speaks out against the moratorium. I also wish the university would set up an office to help students deal with conflicts they may have with their landlord. As it is now, not very many students can interpret the very specific legal lingo landlords use in a lease. An actual office with a law knowledgeable staff would be a great resource for the Salisbury community.

Not everything should be up to the university, though. Students who constantly complain about their landlords could better use their time and form a tenant's union. These unions have been formed all over the country in small college towns where students are in similar situations. I'm sure forming a union is easier said than done, but the time invested would probably be worth it. The union could help to establish a "Tenant's Bill of Rights," which would be a set of common principles that each landlord and tenant would follow.

Making a change for the better won't be an easy job, but it would be more satisfying than letting landlords walk all over us.

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The Gull's Nest Takes Its' Fall Test

By Adam Lehman

Safety issues that arose because of high traffic flow in the Gull's Nest prompted the new arrangement and elimination of the meal plan equivalency policy, but officials in University Dining Services (UDS) are content in their changes.

A visit to the Gull's Nest, also nicknamed the G-spot, used to be marked by long lines and crowded conditions, but now those problems are of the past.

"We had to make the change strictly because of traffic," said Amy VanBenthuysen, Program and Customer Satisfaction Coordinator of UDS. "It became a safety issue, but our goal was to improve our service."

The safety issue VanBenthuysen referred to was the heat generated from all of the equipment, and since so many students ate at the Gull's Nest, that equipment was pushed harder to meet the demands. "I had two fires in there," said Jane Fandray, Director of UDS.

In anyone's book a fire is definitely an occupational hazard.

So in an effort to reduce the traffic in the Gull's Nest, UDS officials decided to stop the policy of meal plan equivalency, where students could use their meal plan to get food at the Nest. Since the Gull's Nest was doing more daily business than the Commons last year, the highly criticized change had to be made.

"In terms of changing the meal plan, we didn't make it up," Fandray said. Many focus groups offered their insights on what might make a better meal plan, and an analyst offered some solutions as well.

It was the analyst's idea to incorporate at *Just Because* gift basket into the different choices of meal plans. Fandray said she agreed with the idea because there is a trend for people to want to upgrade to the biggest size.

When the orders actually came in for the baskets for the fall, UDS was shocked.

Fandray, VanBenthuysen, and the rest of the staff placed bets on how many students would want to have the "King-Size" meal plan. No one in the office anticipated 530 students would want a gift basket *Just Because*.

So either those 530 students are satisfied with the new meal plan, or they were lured by the analyst's clever suggestion.

The change worked.

Any student who goes to the Gull's Nest around 6:30 will notice the smaller amount of people, but he or she might not notice the other improvements made there as well.

Before the semester began, UDS did a competitive analysis of local sub shops, including Subway, WAWA, Subrunners, and even Dagwoods. They weighed and tasted every sandwich to see what combination of ingredients worked and which ones did not.

As a result of that analysis, the Gull's Nest now offers six or 12-inch subs on homemade bread, a change that UDS officials hope will draw people into the Nest. Even though some students feel the new a la carte menu is pricey, VanBenthuysen feels the system is still comparable in price to the other big name sub shops.

In an effort to accommodate more students, the Gull's Nest also has extended its hours. Instead of closing at 9 pm like it did in the spring semester, the Nest is now open until 11 pm, allowing people two more hours to get late night food.

Along with the new hours, Fandray also expressed a desire to slowly convert the Gull's Nest into more of a sports bar type establishment. One of her ideas is to move the pool tables downstairs from Herb's Place in an attempt to create that atmosphere. "We have a jukebox now," Fandray said. "We just need people to tell us what CDs to buy."

All in all, UDS appreciates comments from the student community. VanBenthuysen mentioned the weekly FOOD committee meetings, which are held at 6:30 in the Caroline Room, as a way for students to give feedback.

UDS Optimistic About New Meal Plans

By Sarah Frantz

University Dining Services made changes to available meal plans for the Fall 2002 semester hoping to better serve more SU students. Some students are unsure of the new plans and how the changes will affect their dining experiences.

The new meal plans include such features as unlimited dining in The Commons, all meals available on weekends, and the addition of dining dollars.

Program and customer satisfaction coordinator, Amy VanBenthuysen, said UDS took many steps to research the changes made. A Food Advisory Committee, made up of 25-30 students, meets every Wednesday in the Commons to sample and discuss food and dining. UDS conducted interviews last year to collect the student voice, along with hiring an Independent Consulting Firm to interview staff and students.

Last year students were only allowed, at the most, three meals a day during certain regulated hours. Since late-night dining hours have been extended, students with classes later in the day are able to still enjoy dinner as late as 9p.m. Theresa Driscoll, a senior at SU, purchased the 50 meals a week plan. It allows her any 50 meals in the Commons and two guest passes all semester. With her busy schedule, she can't always find the time to sit down at the Commons for a meal.

"I got the 50 meal plan so I could just grab something to eat when I'm on campus, but now I can't even get anything from the Gull's Nest," said Driscoll.

In the past the Gulls Nest has been a popular spot to grab some food and go. Students can no longer use their meal plans there, only dining dollars or cash. "We were running into safety issues," said VanBenthuysen.

The Gulls Nest is too small to serve the number of patrons they had, and the workers were getting injured in attempt to

serve the crowds quickly.

Dining dollars and price adjustments are part of the solution to the elimination of meal equivalency. Dining dollars are available at a discounted rate, and come with several meal plans. They can be used at any location, but are targeted for satellite dining. Dining dollars do not carry over to the next semester, however according to VanBenthuysen, UDS monitors the use of the dollars. If they see students not using them, they will call and figure out why, and try to help them get the best out of their money.

VanBenthuysen urges students to make comments either online or in person. "We know that the new meal plans will probably have to be tweaked a little, or our services will have to be tweaked," she said.

UDS wants to work with the student to make everyone's dining experience the best it can be.

Henson Science Hall is a Welcome Addition

By Shane Jacobus

Students and faculty alike are elated now that the Henson Science Hall has finally opened its doors.

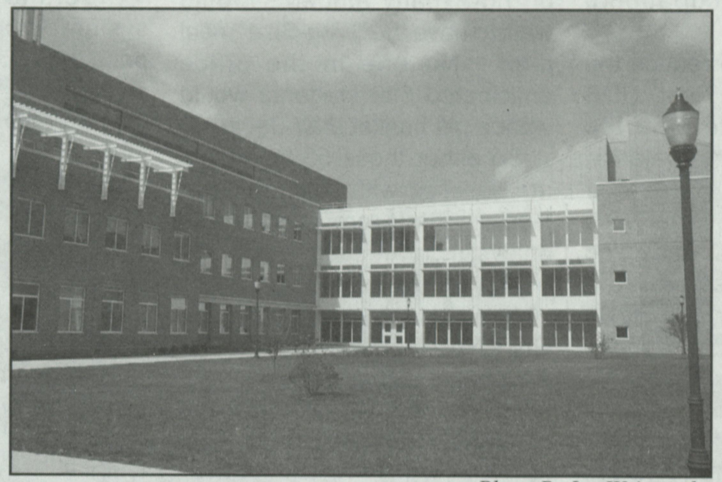

Photo By Ian Weinstock

The Henson School of Science and Technology is perhaps the fastest growing field of study here at Salisbury University. Dr. Thomas W. Jones, the dean of the Henson School, says, "That with all the problems we were having at Devilbiss Hall, it made sense to have a new science building."

"I think it's nice that we have our own hall," said sophomore Joe Young, biology major. "Last year, we would have lectures in Caruthers and then do labs in Devilbiss. Now, we don't have to walk all over campus to get our work done."

Dr. Augustine DiGiovanna, of the biology department, has worked with the faculty since 1971.

"I'm very excited about being in this building because I have teaching abilities I've never had before," said Dr. DiGiovanna. These abilities include going online and transmitting material directly to the labs online instead of in person.

According to DiGiovanna, the new precautions have provided students with a much safer learning environment. The ventilation guarantees that any fumes, vapors, or microbes that may escape will be eradicated before an emergency occurs.

"I think the size and placement of this building has made the sciences much more prominent on campus," adds Dr. DiGiovanna.

"If you've got an interest in science, you need a building that really lets you study science," said Dr. Jones, "and this building lets us do just that."

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were two main proposals.

Another category – "Suggestions for Salisbury University" – allowed the HPAT to provide SU with suggestions on how to help resolve the housing issues. These propositions touch on demands such as additional on-campus housing, encourage development of additional off-campus housing developed for students, encourage a more active role in disciplining improper off-campus student behavior, and establish a system for University Police to patrol off-campus neighborhoods having high concentrations of students in conjunction with Salisbury Police Department.

These suggestions and many others were sent to the City Council of Salisbury and to SU's President Janet Dudley Eshbach. The City Council will present these issues with their recommended resolutions to the Wicomico County Department of Planning, Zoning, and Community Development.

According to Pick, Mayor Tilghman plans to extend the moratorium on the conversion of owner-occupied houses to rentals through to December 9th if more time is needed for the planning and zoning process to respond to the City Council regarding these issues.

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Students Upset Over Costs on Campus

By Sarah Frantz

Students are disturbed about the costs on campus for the Fall 2002 semester. Between tuition, buying books and satellite dining some students find themselves short of cash.

In addition to the $1697.00 in state tuition and $4579.00 out of state, students face $705.00 in mandatory full-time fees. "I feel like I'm in a car dealership, there are so many hidden costs," said SU junior Matthew McCall. These fees run various departments and programs like the University Center.

Program and Customer Satisfaction Coordinator for UDS, Amy VanBenthuysen, stressed that they adjusted prices both up and down to better serve students and for them to get the most out of their money. In comparison to the local business Subway, the Gull's Nest actually offers competitive prices. A 6" Italian sub on campus is $2.99, versus $3.29 at Subway. A 12" Italian sub on campus is $4.99, versus $5.29 at Subway.

The Gull's Nest changes left some students very dissatisfied. "They have crappier food, crappier service and a higher price," said senior Michael Stevens.

Purchasing books continually leaves students empty handed. Students can expect to drop around $300.00 at the Book Rack each semester. The Book Rack is the only means to obtain books, unless purchased online. "They have been granted a monopoly by the State of Maryland," said Dr. Ervin, Assistant Professor of Finance at SU.

This year the honors society Beta Alpha Psi provided a different opportunity for some accounting students. This service organization sold books for two classes this semester, Principles of Accounting and Intermediate Accounting. Their goal was for every student to have the books they needed on the first day of class. President of Beta Alpha Psi, Timothy Brosenne was very positive about their business decisions. The officers worked hard to provide a service for the students outside of the Book Rack.

The poor college kid ideology hits close to home. Faculty and staff are working, however, to aid the burden on students. Students can help themselves by getting involved and learning about ways they can influence the expenses they pay each semester.

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Student Spotlight- Stephanie Howard

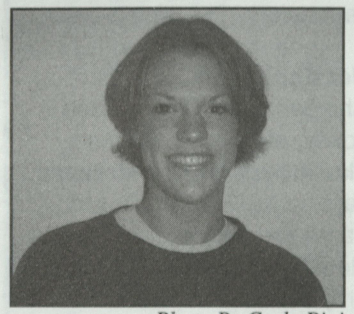

Photo By Carla Pini

By Chrissy Moore

As a junior, Stephanie Howard has spent the last three years at Salisbury experiencing life to its fullest. A biology major, she came to Salisbury without even visiting the campus, in hopes of becoming a wildlife photographer. Little did she know her college experiences would lead her in a different path.

After receiving no financial aid from Virginia Tech, her first choice, Howard came to Salisbury. Howard immediately fell in love with the campus. She has decided that coming to Salisbury was a blessing in disguise, as "any experience I've had here has been 100% awesome," says Howard.

Howard has been involved in many "awesome" activities on campus. She has played on the women's Ultimate Frisbee team, and intramural softball and volleyball. She plans on becoming involved in Habitat For Humanity as well. Howard has performed in the past two Variety Shows and she also performs at open mic events on and off campus. Howard's true love is singing.

"Nothing makes me happier than being onstage," says Howard. Her repertoire includes Natalie Merchant, Sarah McLaughlin, Kansas and James Taylor among many others. Howard's dream is to open a bar, sing there nightly, then go home to her boat and sleep on a hammock. "Money is irrelevant. I want to be happy," she says. "If I'm poor and living in a hammock, that would be great."

Howard no longer wishes to become a wildlife photographer. Working in a public market, at a produce stand in Seattle was a great experience and an awakening for Howard. She learned that working with people was her real passion. "I am not going to be stuck in a lab, or waiting in a tree to photograph some elusive endangered beetle, I'm going to be working with people," the junior explains.

Howard now plans to join the Peace Corp for two years after graduation and then just seeing where that leads her. Her goal in life is to simply make a difference in someone's life. She hopes to accomplish that goal through the Peace Corp. "I want to sing and work with people," she says, "I love people."

Howard stresses that anyone who is unhappy with his or her path in life find a different path. College is not just about academics, grades and earning a degree in order to make money. "Take advantage of everything college has to offer," says Howard. She stresses conversations over grades; it is the late night talks, rather than grades and papers that will have a larger impact on you.

Howard believes that everything will work out in the end. "No matter how low you think you are at some point, it will all turn out in the end," she says. Howard advises peers to have no worries and to procrastinate, procrastinate, procrastinate.

Howard's time and experiences in college have helped her to become a truly rounded, friendly person.

Photo By Constance Mensh

Captain Planet is still cool: Why recycling really *is* worth your time

By Becki Lee

Even from an early age, we knew it was good to recycle. Captain Planet routinely saved the earth from the clutches of those dastardly polluting villains, and we desired to save the planet, too. Then we got older and more apathetic. Captain Planet wasn't cool anymore, and recycling did not seem as important. Now the planet really is dying, and Captain Planet can't save it this time. How can we save our environment?

The answer is, of course, what we knew all along: recycle! It's easier than one may think, regardless of if you live on- or off-campus.

There are the familiar blue and gray recycling bins all around campus. The blue plastic bins are specifically for paper, and the gray stone cans are specifically for bottles and cans. They are typically placed near trashcans for ease of use.

In addition, more recycling bins are near the dumpsters by each residence hall. One might follow the lead of sophomores Rachel Rowe and Colleen Gracie and keep a box specifically for recyclables in one's room.

"That way we just bring it out when we take out the trash," Rowe explained.

For those students residing off-campus in Salisbury, curbside pickup of recyclables is free if they utilize the city's weekly curbside trash collection. All one must do is call the Salisbury Recycling Coordinator at 410-548-3177 to have a blue recycling bin delivered. After that, one may place the bin on the curb on the same day as the trash is collected.

So why is it worth the effort to chuck a soda can into a gray bin instead of the trash, or to order a recycling container for curbside collection? People might think that one aluminum container can't possibly make that much difference. In actuality, the energy saved by recycling one aluminum can is enough to power a television for four hours, according to the website of the city of Salisbury. Imagine if every student enrolled at Salisbury University recycled one can, on just one occasion. This single event would conserve enough energy to keep a television on for 24,240 hours, or *nearly three years*. That is an amazing amount of energy conserved, considering the fact that SU recycles three tons of aluminum cans every year, according to records at the Recycling Center.

As another example, the university recycles 98.5 tons of mixed paper each year. By recycling that much paper, SU saves nearly 1700 trees annually.

It's up to the students to recycle. "We'd like for students to take the time, when they see blue bins around, to recycle. It helps the environment...Take time and just recycle," urges Tara Finney, horticulturalist and recycling coordinator. She encourages students to call the Recycling Center at (410) 543-6518 if they have any questions.

"We want YOU to recycle," Finney says.

As one can see, recycling can make a difference. Recycling is so easy, and so important. It's up to us to keep our environment healthy. Remember, as Captain Planet would say, "the power is YOURS!"

For more information about recycling in Salisbury, see the city's website: http://www.ci.salisbury.md.us/PublicWorksDept/recycling.html

Photo By Ian Weinstock

ON-CAMPUS RECYCLING

Accepted:
White paper
Colored paper
Newspapers
Magazines
Junk mail
Aluminum cans
Food and beverage jars and bottles (all colors of glass)
Plastic bottles
Branches, leaves, grass, and vegetation
Tin cans (soup, Slimfast cans, etc)
Chipped cardboard (cereal boxes, etc)
Corrugated cardboard

Not Accepted:
Plastic bags used in delivering papers
Paper towels
Metallic wrapping paper
Propane tanks
Pots and pans
Aluminum Foil
Aluminum furniture and siding
Ceramic or pottery items
Broken glass
Drinking glasses, cups, plates or cookware
Light bulbs
Margarine tubs
Plastic bags or wrap
Pesticide or automotive fluid bottles
Microwave containers

OFF-CAMPUS CURBSIDE RECYCLING (SALISBURY)
Accepted:
White paper
Colored paper
Newspapers
Magazines
Junk mail
Aluminum cans
Food and beverage jars and bottles (all colors of glass)
Plastic Bottles
Branches, leaves, grass, and vegetation

Not Accepted:
Chipped cardboard (cereal boxes, etc)
Plastic bags used in delivering papers
Paper towels
Metallic wrapping paper
Propane tanks
Pots and pans
Aluminum Foil
Aluminum furniture and siding
Ceramic or pottery items
Broken glass
Drinking glasses, cups, plates or cookware
Light bulbs
Margarine tubs
Plastic bags or wrap
Pesticide or automotive fluid bottles
Microwave containers

Many of the unaccepted items above may be recycled elsewhere; see the city of Salisbury's website at http://www.ci.salisbury.md.us/index.html

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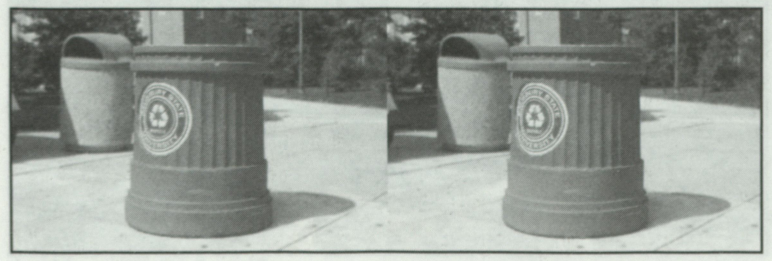

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SAY WHAT?????

From the depths of city hall comes another absurd law.

Section 6.04.090 Female dogs in heat—Impoundment and redemption procedures.

It shall be the custodian's responsibility to keep a dog that is in heat confined to a building or other secure enclosure in such manner as to prevent the attraction of other animals. If the same dog, belonging to the same custodian, shall be impounded in heat for a second time within twelve (12) months, such dog cannot be reclaimed by the custodian thereof until the animal be spayed by a veterinarian at the request of the Humane Society of Wicomico County and the custodian shall have paid for the costs associated with the spaying of such animal. (Ord. 1709 § 1 (part), 1999)

The DJ: Behind every good party there's someone behind the one's and two's

By Rob Goszkowski

On the weekends it's given that many of us are going to head out to a party to drink and have a good time. But there are a few people who are heading to these parties because they have a job to do. The DJ's are there for one reason: to make your party experience a fun one.

Last year, having a DJ for your party was not a big deal, "but we really turned out a couple parties and everyone saw how much fun that was," said Rob Dubois, a.k.a. DJ Dirty Sanchez. "So now they're all about it." This year there's a struggle to keep up with the demand. "I've actually turned down gigs, it's getting like that now," he said.

Like any job, being a DJ can be a bit stressful. For example: What happens when the party gets busted, especially if you're an underage DJ and you have a beer next to you? You can't exactly run out of the house with a ton of equipment. "I got maced while I was sober a couple weeks ago at the zoo," said Virak Satch, a.k.a. DJ V-Roc. The police are usually more sympathetic when it comes to the DJ. "Since I'm working I usually don't get too twisted and I'll talk to the cops," said Satch. "They'll usually say break it down or turn it down."

Surprisingly, the partygoers usually present more of a problem than the police do. A tightly packed house is not exactly conducive to having a bunch of expensive equipment sitting out on a table. "When there's too many people in the house and there's people spilling beer on my stuff, I don't put up with that," said Dubois. "I'm not getting paid enough to ruin all my records. We have to break [the equipment] down, spur of the moment and just bounce." So be wary of the DJ, or else he'll leave and the party will suck.

Fortunately for the typically broke student, these guys usually do not charge much. "Well, that's actually the sad part. I usually just get free drinks and twenty to fifty dollars," said Dubois. "But always free drinks." Hiring Satch will cost you about the same. Dubois stressed that they do it because they love it and enjoy doing DJ-ing; the money is not the motivation.

A DJ's success hinges on the types of records they're spinning. So what moves the crowd? "Hip-hop, always. Whatever's the hot new sh** and old classics like 'The Humpty Dance' or something like that," Dubois said. "And anything girls like, like 'The Thong Song' or 'Put it in Your Mouth' or something. Girls always love that."

Basically, the DJ has an obligation to play what the crowd wants to hear, despite his own personal preferences. But at the same time, there are variations in the types of music you will hear from different DJs. All of them will play the popular stuff but it's the music in between hits that sets them apart from one another. "Peter Too (a.k.a. DJ 002) will play Baltimore Club. Dubois will play mainstream hip-hop and party breaks. I'll play underground hip-hop and Jungle," said Satch.

If you are having some people over and you need a DJ, there are plenty in town who can cater to any music style.

Photo By Anonymous

LOCAL MUSIC CALENDAR
Sept...Oct...

Great bands are coming to town!

VENUES, CLUBS AND EVENTS:

Club Vissage
S. Salisbury Blvd.
- 10/26- ***Kelly Bell Band***

Brew Master's Pub
Ocean City
- 10/01- **Culture**, feat. Joseph Hill

Ramshead Tavern
33 West St., Annapolis
- *9/30- Joan Osbourne*
- *10/05- NRBQ*
- *10/06- Lake Trout*
- *10/09- Leon Redbone*
- *10/31- Dr. John*

Eastport Clipper
Annapolis
- *9/27- Power Movement Project*
- *9/28- All Mighty Senators*

9:30 Club
815 V St, Washington DC
- *9/26- Super Furry Animals*
- *9/27- The Dillinger Escape Plan w. The Icarus Line*
- *9/29- Aimee Mann*
- *10/03- Ryan Adams*
- *10/06- Violent Femmes*
- *10/08- Ratdog*
- *10/10- Dashboard Confessional w/ Hot Rod Circuit, Thrice, Ash, & Loudermilk*
- *10/12- Karl Denson's Tiny Universe*
- *10/14- Wilco*

Recher Theater
512 York Rd, Towson
- *9/27- Jah Works*
- *9/29- Hatebreed, Death Threat, Shadows Fall, & Six Feet Under*
- *10/02- **Culture** feat. Joseph Hill w. Jabali Afrika*
- *10/03- Leftover Salmon*
- *10/05- Deep Banana Blackout*
- **10/11- Laughing Colors**
- *10/16- Yonder Mountain String Band*
- *10/18- Reverend Horton Heat*

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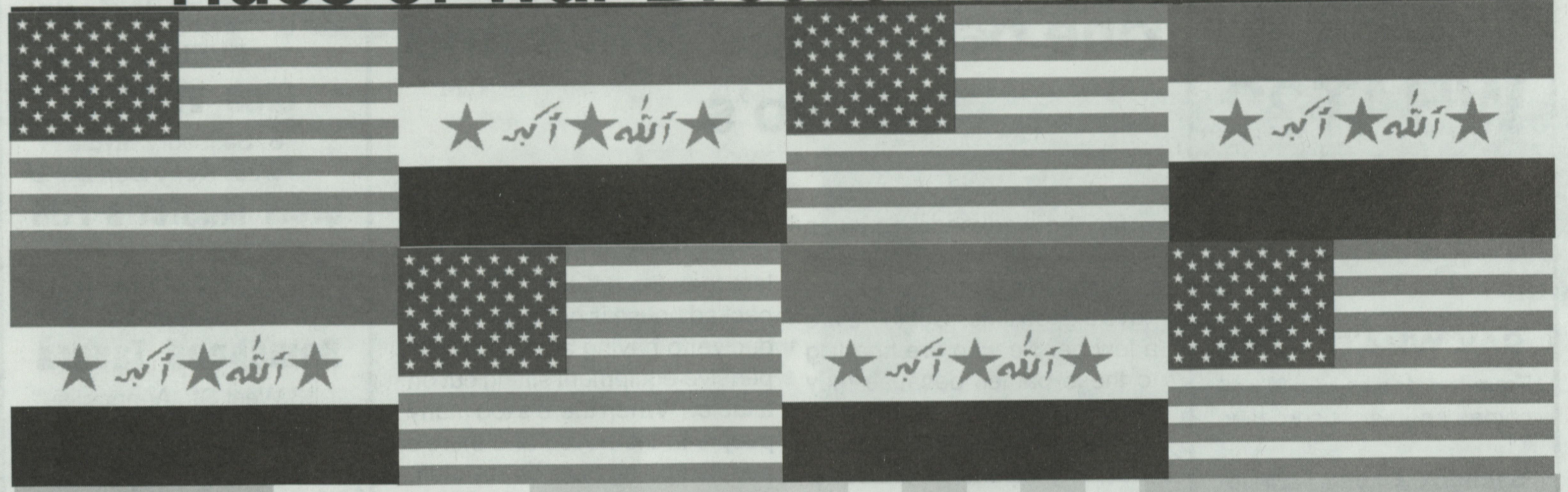
Tides of War Breeze Through S.U.



By Chris Weymont

As negotiations of a war with Iraq loom over the heads of politicians, many college students fail to realize the possible effect this monumental decision will have on their lives. The possible war is viewed not only as war against Iraq, but a war against terrorism.

The news of an upcoming party tends to be more important to some college students than the news of a dictatorship acquiring weapons of mass destruction "We're going to war with Iraq? Who the heck is Al Qaeda?" asks Kyle Anderson, a junior at Salisbury University. Anderson is not the only person who did not know what Al Qaeda is.

In fact, more than half of the 100 students polled at SU do not know what Al Qaeda is. American citizens support the war on terrorism yet have no idea who they are fighting. "Aren't they a group of Islam's?" asked one of the students. She wished to stay anonymous.

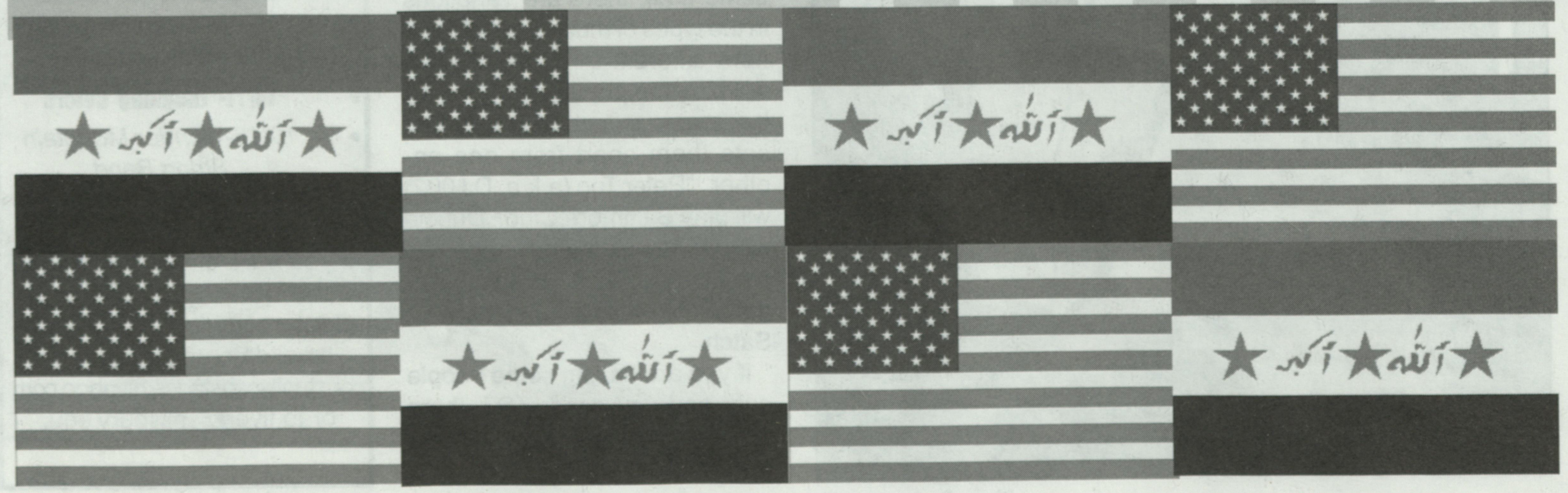
Salisbury University is just that, a place for learning. Students are here to enrich their lives with knowledge. They are not here for military service, but why would that matter to a student with a grade point average of 3.0? Simply put, the United States government would be using its military strength to remove what it regards as one of history's nastiest dictatorships.

The university is a place for a student of all statures and backgrounds to come together and discuss current events, especially a topic that is so controversial. Why does it seem that there is no awareness on campus for current events? There is the occasional forum in which professors come together and talk about the current events taking place, but only a handful of interested students take advantage.

Should students know who Al Qaeda is? If they ask who is responsible for bombing of the United States Embassy in Kenya and the destruction of the World Trade Center, then they will find out. "Other than the Revolutionary war and the Civil war, Americans have not grasped the full mentality of war," says Dr. Robinson, a Political Science Professor at SU. "Sure, the war with Iraq may not have a direct effect on student lives; however, there could be an upsurge of terrorist attacks on America because of U.S. action against Iraq."

Pose the question to yourself; does the war with Iraq concern students? Imagine a terrorist organization working together with a regime such as Iraq. Try to paint an image of Iraq handing over a chemical weapon to an organization such as Al Qaeda. Now, picture what devastation a weapon of mass destruction would have on a city such New York. The U.S. government has imagined those possibilities and that is why regime change in Iraq is becoming a national priority.

Students should take issue with a war in Iraq. Take a side; get to know why war is just beyond the horizon. Find out more about why the U.S. is worried that disarming Iraq is not an option but rather a priority. If students oppose the war, they should make their voices heard. On October 26, an anti-war rally is taking place in Washington, D.C.



Episode Two: The Landlords Respond

By Abby Finestine and Sonia Thompson

Living off campus is almost becoming an inevitable move for college students; it is just one step closer to complete freedom. According to Salisbury University students, this freedom does not come without a price.

One of the problems living off campus seems to be getting the needed maintenance. Chuck Smith, a sophomore at Salisbury says, "My house isn't livable really. They don't even fix things."

Kwasi Osei-Wusu, a junior living off campus says that he hasn't paid rent in two months and refuses to pay until his landlord fixes things. "They make too much money off our rent, it's crazy," says Osei-Wusu

Some students struggle to get in touch with their landlords. Elizabeth Grimes likes her landlord, but says she's slow in returning phone calls.

Here are the realtors' responses, or lack there of, to the student comments and complaints:

Advanced Property Rental:

The rental agency refused to comment on any complaints or problems that students may have. Maryann Johnson, a realtor, felt it would be better if the property manager were to answer all questions about student housing. The only problem is, Advance Property's property manager is on vacation till Wednesday. If she is on vacation who is taking care of all the problems?

Salisbury Housing:

The realtors at Salisbury housing didn't wish to comment and also felt the property manager would a much better source. The property manager neglected to return any phone calls.

G.N.I Property Rentals:

Lynn Smith, a realtor at G.N.I, was very willing to answer any questions. She loves renting to students and doesn't feel that they cause any problems. "We want students to have a nice, quiet home, in good neighborhood and if we all work together than we won't have any problems", she said.

Many students tend to complain about the response time in fixing a specific area, either inside or outside the house. "We have a repair crew that works everyday and generally we try to get things fixed either that day or the very next day. For emergencies we take care of the problem immediately", said Smith.

University Park:

The leasing office at UP was quick to mention that they are not allowed to speak about housing, but the best person to call would be Tom Hicky, a representative at Allen & O'Hara's corporate office. They forgot to mention that he lives in Tennessee and would most likely not return any phones calls. How can Tom in Tennessee know about the problems that Salisbury University students face?

Kelark:

Realtor Cheryl Pepper was willing to speak about her tenants, but couldn't offer very much detail. When questioned about complaints regarding slow response, she responded: "It depends on the problem, every situation is different, so it just depends on the problem."

Don Gillis:

Gillis is a landlord who would much rather rent to students, and he realizes the necessity of both the landlord and tenant meeting halfway. Such a pairing alleviates any problems.

"I try my hardest and I am very pleased with the students," Gillis said. "I feel that I relate well and have a good line of communication with them." If a student has an emergency Gillis will fix the problem right away. If it is not an emergency, he still will contact the students within a day or two. "I do 70% of the repairs myself except for electrical issues where I have a subcontractor, who also will get the problem fixed immediately", he said.

If you have more questions about your rights as a renter visit this website http://www2.salisbury.edu/offcampushousing/renterinfo.htm as it contains general information about renting.

MUSIC REVIEW

By Constance Mensh

This month's pickings are anything but slim, with high-caliber solo artists duking it out for spots on the billboard charts. And then of course, there is Disturbed.

Topping the bill with his seventh major-label album is the eccentric man-child Beck, with *"Sea Change".* Hailed by Rolling Stone critic David Fricke as "the best album Beck has ever made", *"Sea Change"* is a return to the blues-folkie-art house-Tropicalia sounds of 1998's oft-overlooked *"Mutations".* The main difference between Beck's newest album and his previous releases is the emotional depth and straightforward candor lacking in his more commercial endeavors, like *"Mellow Gold"* or the Grammy-winning *Odelay.* Our 90's folk-hippie-hop hero has finally removed his veil of kitsch and bared his shining soul.

Also noteworthy are the releases by solo-artists Joan Osborne and Ryan Adams. Osborne's *"How Sweet It Is"*, brings this soul-sister's soaring voice to classic 60's anthems by Aretha Franklin, The Band, and Jimi Hendrix for a rousing social commentary still pertinent today. Ryan Adams, on the other hand, sounds more and more formulaic with every release, *"Demolition"* being his third and most trying both musically and lyrically.

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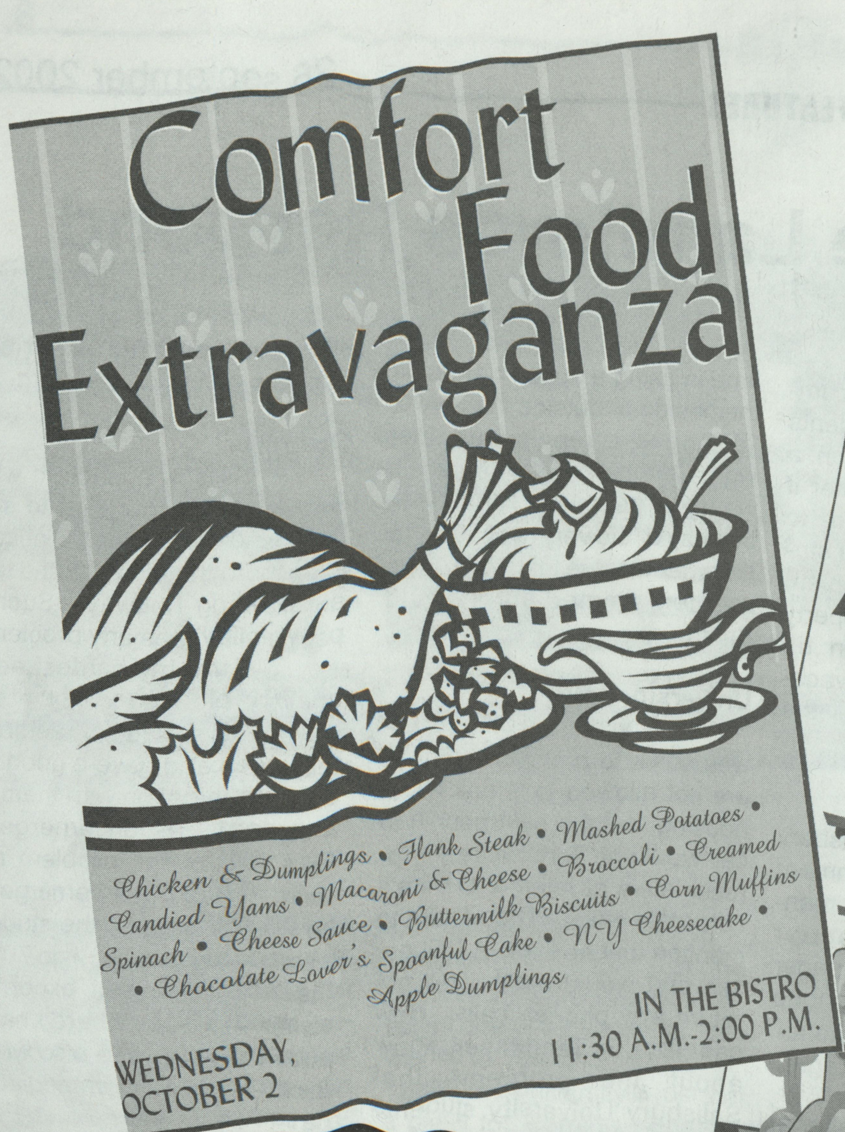
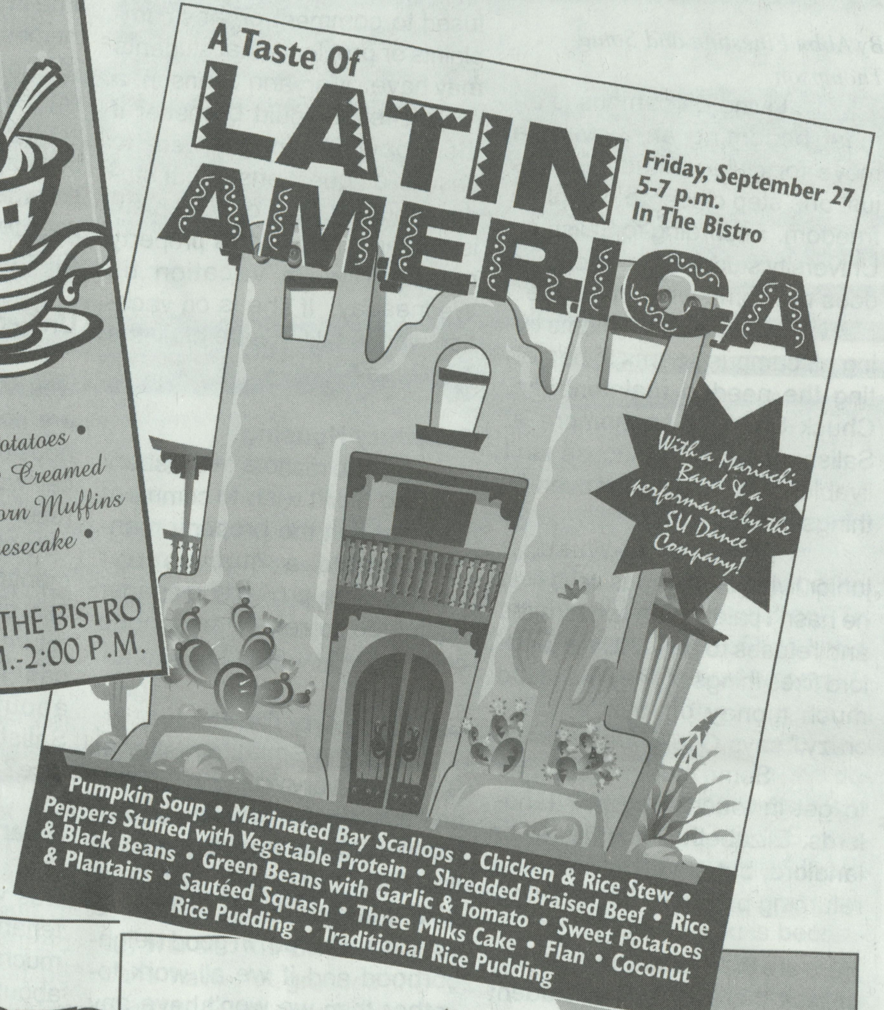
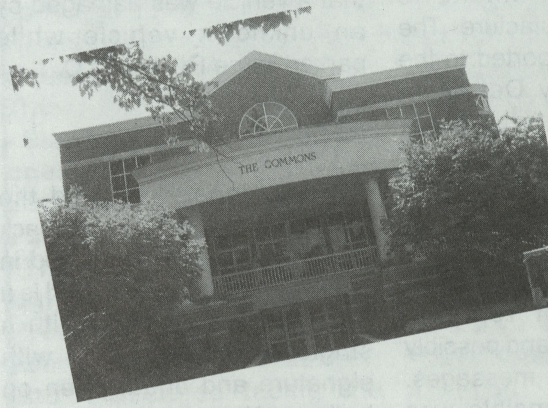
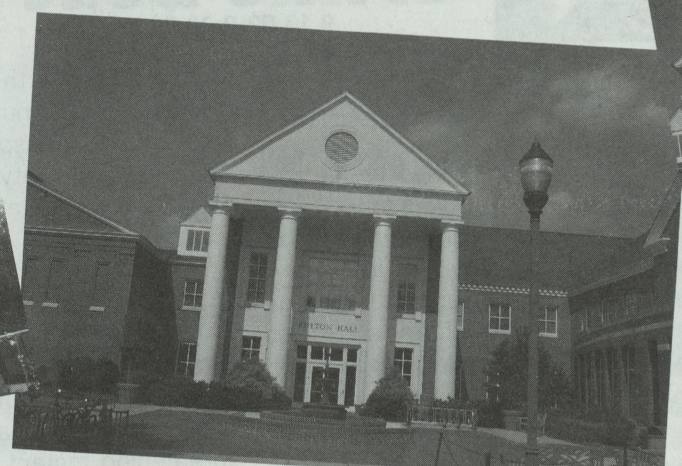


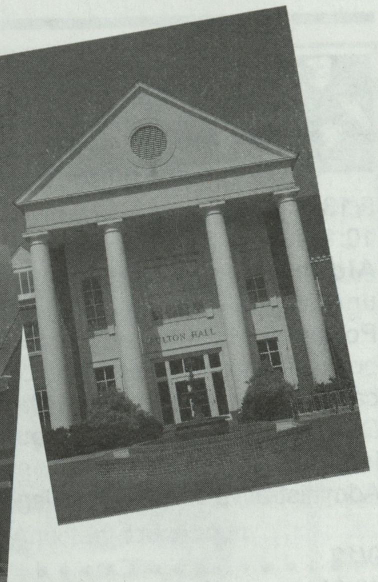


DINING SERVICES

Overheard on Campus







Who's your landlord? And what do you think about them?

By: Abby Finestine and Sonia Thompson

"Well, I live at UP. We really don't have a specific landlord. I like the apartment though and it's close to campus."
Stephanie Westfall Junior

"I live at UP. The apartment is nice, the people are nice and the landlords are nice. They aren't really strict and they are good at taking care of any situation that may arise."
Christine Roche Sophomore

"Brendan Sharp is my landlord. The house isn't livable really. They don't even fix things."
Chuck Smith
Sophomore

"My house is through Salisbury Housing. They suck. They don't fix anything. Our outside spigot doesn't work and our window has been broken for three weeks."
Jeff Smith
Sophomore

"I don't really know my landlord. I rent through G.I. property. There are a few things that we've ask to have fixed, but he hasn't been prompt with them. But I love it there. It's great and a lot of fun."
Luke Jones Junior

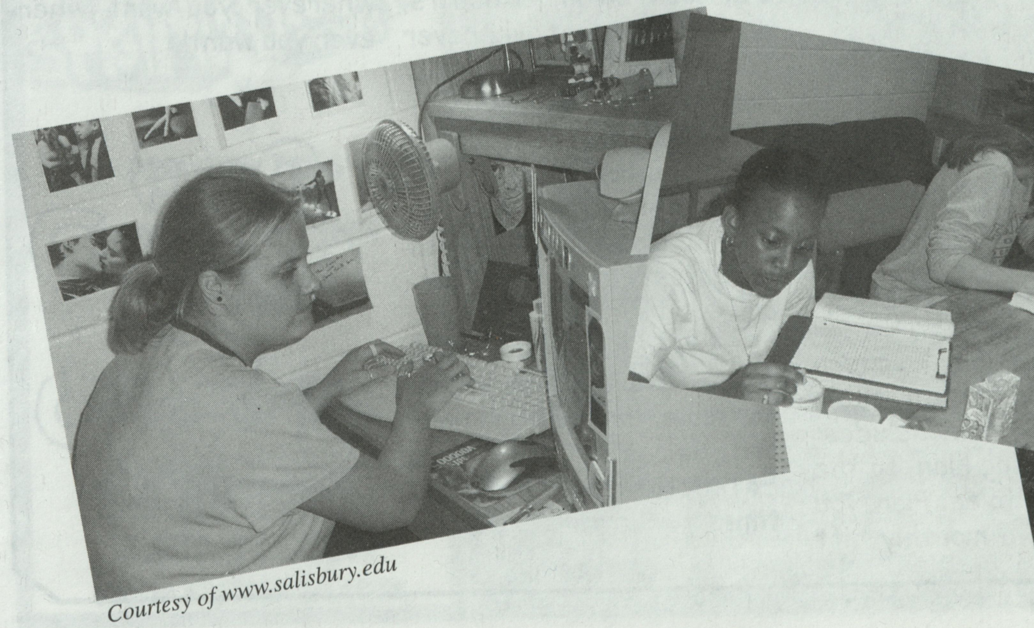
"Kelak is my landlord. She's really nice. But slow getting back to you. She is understanding with problems with paying."
Elizabeth Grimes
Sophomore

"Debbie Ford is my landlord and mine sucks. I started paying rent in July and the carpets had never been changed. My room smelled like a dog. It was finally changed two days ago, after leaving messages every morning."
George Crooks Sophomore

"My landlord doesn't do anything. I haven't paid rent in two months. I'm not paying until she fixes things. They make too much money off our rent, it's crazy."
Kwasi Osei-Wusu Junior

"My landlord is Don Gillis. We really like him. We've had a lot of stuff happen. But he comes right away and always calls us back. He's attentive and very nice."
Shannon Mills Junior

"Advanced Property is my landlord. Don't do Advanced. We've gotten broken in twice. The first time they didn't do anything and we still have broken glass in our yard."
Matt McGoldrick Senior



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Crime Beat

9.13.02-9.20.02

9/13
10:11pm
Alcohol Violation-two underage residents of Pocomoke Hall were found in possession of 30 cans and 24 cans of beer, respectively, in the Devilbiss lot. They were both issued civil citations. Administrative action is pending.

9/13
10:30pm
Drug Violations/Assault (off-campus)-The Salisbury Police responded to a residence on S. Division Street. A student was arrested and charged with nine counts related to possession of drugs with intent to distribute. He was later arrested for assault and false imprisonment. Administrative action is pending.

9/14
6:28pm
Alcohol Violation-officers *responded to a room in Wicomico Hall to a call of a large amount of alcoholic beverages present.* 60 cans of beer were found in the room. Two residents were issued civil citations for underage possession and administrative action is pending.

9/14
10:31pm
Alcohol Violation-a resident of Pocomoke Hall was found to be in possession of several cans of beer in the Devilbiss lot. A civil citation was issued for underage possession of an alcoholic beverage. Administrative action is pending.

9/13-9/15
11am-7:30pm
Theft-a student reported that a bike was stolen from the bike rack in front of Maggs Gym. The chain lock had apparently been cut.

9/14-9/16
9:14pm
Theft-a resident of St. Martin reported that a bike was stolen from the area of St. Martin outside of the lounge.

9/16
2pm
Drug Violation-University police arrested a resident of Dogwood Village on an arrest warrant that was sent by the Maryland State Police. He was charged with possession of marijuana and possession with intent to distribute and manufacture. The suspect was transported to the Wicomico County Detention Center. Administrative action is pending.

9/16
1:46pm-11:48pm
Unwanted I.M's.-a resident of Chesapeake Hall reported receiving annoying and possibly threatening instant messages. The person responsible was contacted by university police and the incident was resolved informally.

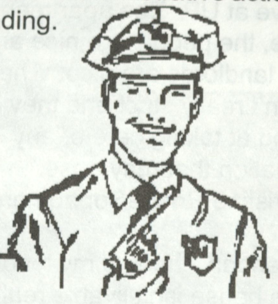
9/17
5:30-7pm
Theft-a student report that a bike was stolen from the area of Fulton Hall.

9/17-9/19
6pm-1am
Theft-a resident of Chesapeake Hall reported the theft of a bike from outside of Chesapeake Hall. The cable lock had apparently been cut.

9/18-9/19
10pm-6:30am
Hit & Run-a student reported that a vehicle was damaged by an unknown vehicle while parked in the Rt. 13 Lot C.

9/19
3-4:54pm
Theft-a student reported the theft of a surfboard from the back of pickup truck while parked in the St. Martin lot. The board is a Bill Frier Son, 7' long with a single fin, white on top with signature and aqua green on bottom. Also stolen was a surf board back, Dakine, white in color.

9/20
1:49am
Attempted Theft-an officer on bike patrol observed students with a palm tree in the area of St. Martin Hall. Two people was seen running into a room in St. Martin. The officer had the students return the palm tree to where they took it from in Red Square. Administrative action is pending.



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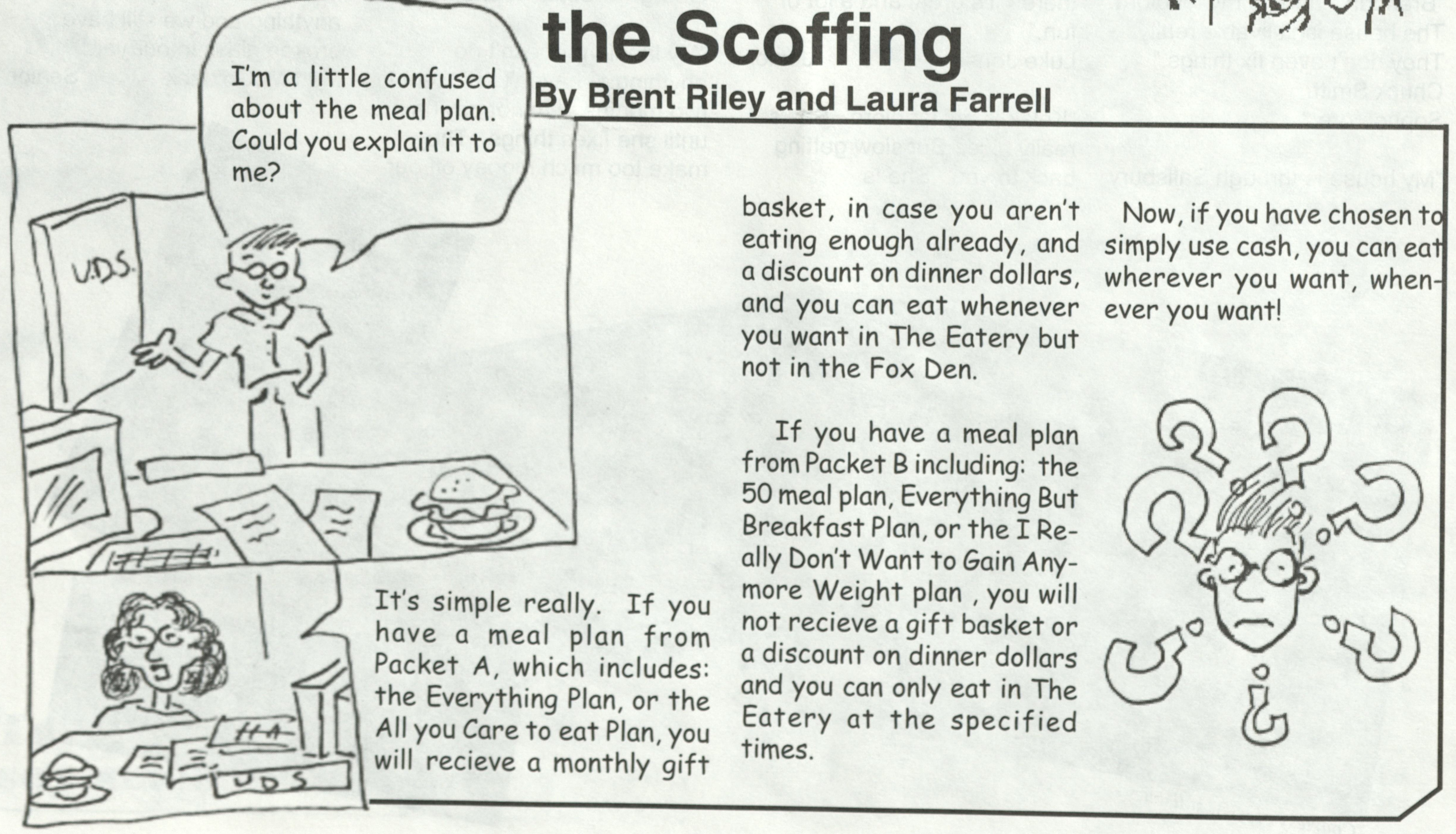
By Brent Riley and Laura Farrell



CAMPUS BLURBS

Compiled by Samantha Young

Exhibit - "Plein-Air Paintings" by Henry Coe through 9/29
Atmospheric landscape paintings by Baltimore artist Henry Coe Fulton Hall, University Gallery Gallery Hours: Thurs.- Fri 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sat. - Sun: 12-4. Admission free and open to the public For information call 410-548-2547

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"The Good, The Bad and the Ugly" – Tuesday October 1
President Janet Dudley-Eshbach presents the strengths and challenges facing the University @ 3:30pm in Holloway Hall auditorium. Open discussion will follow.

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Renowned guitarist Manuel Barrueco performs October 1
One of the world's most accomplished classical guitarists, Manuel Barrueco performs in concert Tuesday, October 1, at 7 p.m. at Salisbury University's Holloway Hall Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public. For information call 410-543-6271.

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"Development of the Brazilian Amazon: The Impact of Colonists on Deforestation and Urbanization"
Wednesday, October 2, 2002. 7pm
Latin America Lecture Series
The Impact of Colonists on Deforestation and Urbanization" Presented by Dr. Jill Caviglia-Harris, asst. professor of economics Guerrieri University Center, Wicomico Room Admission free and open to the public For information call 410-543-6271

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Purdue School Day - Thursday, October 3
1999 Bernstein Award Winner John Dikos
Holloway Hall auditorium @ 3:30
Perdue School expo…check out student clubs and organizations
Networking with employers
Holloway Hall great hall @ 4:30

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"'The rebel's heel is on thy shore'-the Maryland campaign of 1862"
Thursday October 3 @ 1pm in the Wicomico room
Thomas Clemens- Hagerstown Community College Professor and founding member of Save Antietam foundation

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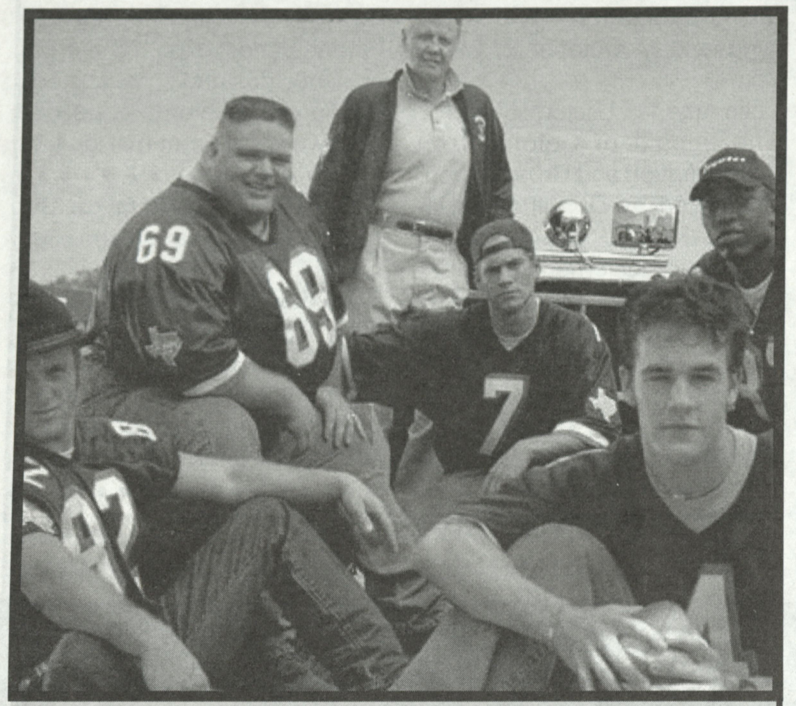

Movie of the Week: "Varsity Blues"

By Matt Marsolais

"Playing football in West Canaan may have been the opportunity of a lifetime for you, but *I don't want your life.*"

I think that line pretty much sums up this movie. Actually, the overly thick southern accent that goes along with the line delivered by teenage heartthrob, (I don't know who decided to give him that label) James Van Der Beek, helps also.

The question is, what doesn't this movie have? It has a coach who hits his players, a history teacher who strips, and a fat guy with a pig. All that this movie is missing is Gary Busey. But Busey or no Busey, "Varsity Blues" still allows for some laughs and some cries.

Van Der Beek, Paul Walker, and Jon Voight star in a high school drama about a winning football program and a quarterback who wants to make up his own mind. Voight plays Coach "Bud" Kilmer, the man you love to hate. At the end of the movie you feel sympathetic for him until he asks his center to get back in the game after he has had brain damage. Hey come on, he is just eager to win. It's not the size of the dog in the fight; it's the size of the fight in the dog. His coaching style may be a little different from Coach Bombay's from The Mighty Ducks or Billy Haywood's from Little Big League, but it gets the job done. That is, until Jon "Mox" Moxon sticks his head in as second to first string quarterback.

"Mox" wants to go to college and pursue a degree, while his family wants him to play football. With original first stringer Lance (Paul Walker) out, Moxon has a chance to show his town and his coach just how good he can be.

I don't know how realistic this is because I have never been to Texas, but I hear it's pretty nice. I do know that MTV produced it and you can tell they wanted the soundtrack to become more successful than the movie. "Little Giants" with Moranis and Ed O'Neil is more believable than this film.

So let me get this straight; in Texas they let any player drive onto the field at two in the morning, drink and shoot some trap? In Texas high school football, coaches decide whether or not you get scholarships? In Texas, when teachers aren't making enough money they grab a side job at the local strip joint (hey, I've got no problem with that one)?

My recommendation for this movie is moot because everyone between the ages of 15-22 has already seen it. It is a story of true friendship, true courage, and true high school football. Mox and Lance, a duo for the ages.

Fresh Leaders Run For The Glory

By Lisa Gentilellia

Amy Lang has been running competitively for five years and is in her freshman year at Salisbury University. Coming all the way from San Diego City, California, she has adjusted quite well to the campus. Lang is an accounting manager and she is doing well with her classes. She likes the smaller size of the school, the teachers, and running for the school's cross country team, where she has already established herself as a leading runner for the squad.

In the past two meets the cross-country team has competed in, Lang has proven to be a valuable teammate and competitor. The girls are fortunate to have her as an addition to the team. Plus, since she is a freshman, she will have a good deal of time to work and improve as a runner.

Lang graduated from Junipera-Serra High School, a public Division II high school in San Diego. In her past cross-country seasons she has posted great times, 17:15 over a 2.7 mile course and 19:40 over a .75 mile course. In addition, she ran long distance events during her high school track seasons. Her best time in the mile was 5:48 and she also recorded a 12:36 in the two-mile run. Her hard work and efforts have definitely come with her to what will most likely be a very successful collegiate career.

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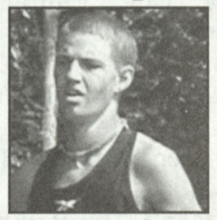


Photo By Triston Gilbert

Will Murdoch, from Bel Air, Maryland, continues to prove he is a strong addition to the men's team. In the past two meets, Will was always near the front of the race and the team, leading them toward satisfying results and placing high in the competition. In addition to cross-country, Murdoch intends on pursuing a degree in business management during his four years at Salisbury.

Murdoch graduated from C. Milton Wright, a public 4A high school in Bel Air, where he ran cross-country and track. His past track seasons were awesome, where he posted strong times, like 1:58 in the 800 meter race and 9:45 in the two-mile race. He consistently puts forth his best efforts at practice and when he races and there is little doubt that he will become a leading runner in the Capital Athletic Conference during his time here at Salisbury University.

"I look forward to a successful athletic season and career here at Salisbury," said Murdoch. Those goals should not be too hard for Murdoch to achieve with the hard work and commitment he continues to show at practice and at the meets.

Jim Jones, head coach of the men's and women's cross country team, agrees that both Lang and Murdoch show a great deal of promise for this season and many following ones.

"Both are two talented freshmen and they will both develop into fine athletes," said Jones. "These are two of the better teams we've had in recent years and I look forward to the championship meets at the end of the season, because of their work ethic."

With young athletes like Lang and Murdoch, the cross country team will no doubt have one of their best seasons this fall and continue to grow as a team in the years to come.

Early Season Heisman Watch

By Matt Rosati

Although the season is still getting started, I'm going to let you in on a little secret. I know who will win the Heisman Trophy, and the order they will finish in. Go ahead, take a look, you can argue that I'm wrong, but time will show that I am never wrong.

QB Ken Dorsey: The Miami quarterback is the best player on the best team in the nation. If he can lead the Hurricanes to a second undefeated season he will be the favorite when the cameras go on at the Down Town Athletic Club.

QB Byron Leftwich: Marshall's signal caller is the best QB in the nation, even better than Dorsey. Lack of national televised games and weak MAC opponents will create doubts about him. He is my certain #1 NFL pick, but will lose the Heisman to Dorsey.

HB Maurice Clarett: Ohio State Buckeye's future, Clarett, is simply the best running back in the nation. Did I mention that he is a true freshman? Marshall Faulk was robbed of the trophy because of his age and so will Clarett. The best college football player in the nation will finish third in the Heisman voting.

QB Seneca Wallace: Iowa State's Wallace puts up the least impressive numbers out of the QB's on this list, but he is by far the most exciting to watch. Who knows what could have been if he led his Cyclones over Florida State in week one?

HB Onterrio Smith: After fading out of last year's race, the Oregon junior should bounce back strongly while in the process of leading the Ducks to the Pac-10 title. Standing only 5'10 he is the most elusive back in the nation, but east coast voters do not watch Pac-10 games. I would advise Smith to save some money on a suit, and stay at home when its time to hand out this trophy.

Photo By Michelle Bennett

What's On Tap...

Volleyball
September 28th
Tidewater Fall Classic 11a.m.
October 1st
SU vs. St. Mary's 7p.m.

Field Hockey
September 28th
SU vs. York 1pm
October 3rd
SU @ Goucher 4:30pm

Football
September 28th
SU vs. Greensboro 1p.m.

X-C
September 28th
Tidewater Fall Classic 11a.m.

Men's Soccer
September 28th
SU @ NC Wesleyan 2p.m.
October 2nd
SU vs. St. Mary's 4p.m.

Women's Soccer
September 28th
SU vs. St. Mary's 1p.m.

Adam's NFL Preview: Week 4

Sunday, September 29th

New Orleans (-17) vs. Detroit 12pm

Carolina (-6) vs. Green Bay 1pm

Miami (-7) vs. Kansas City 1pm

Chicago (-11) vs. Buffalo 1pm

Dallas vs. St. Louis (-9) 1pm

Houston vs. Philadelphia (-13) 1pm

Cleveland (-1) vs. Pittsburgh 1pm

NY Jets vs. Jacksonville (-4) 4:05pm

NY Giants (-6) vs. Arizona 4:05pm

Tampa Bay (-14) vs. Cincinnati 4:15pm

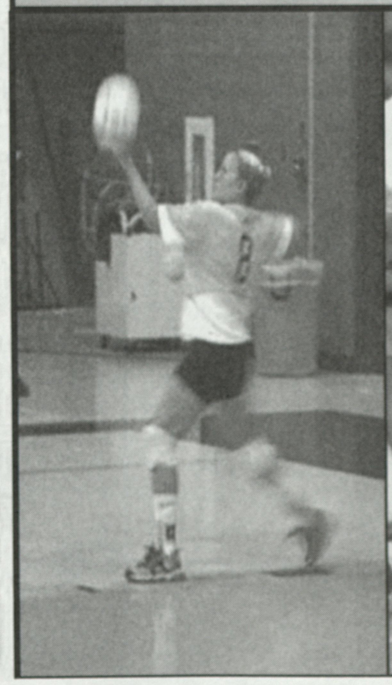
Tennessee vs. Oakland (-6) 4:15pm

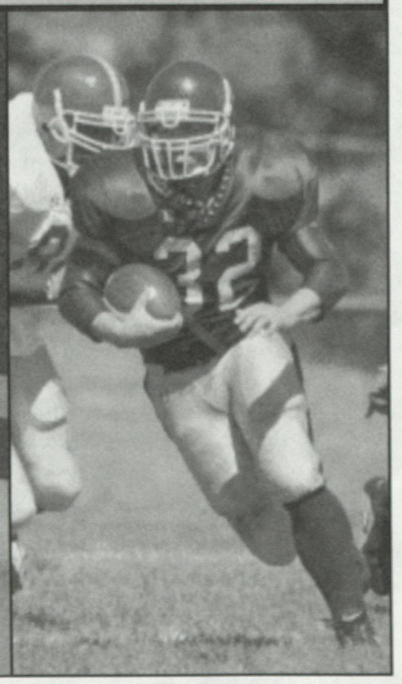
NE vs. San Diego (E) 4:15pm

Minnesota (-5) vs. Seattle 8:30pm

Monday, September 30th

Denver (-8) vs. Baltimore 9:00 PM





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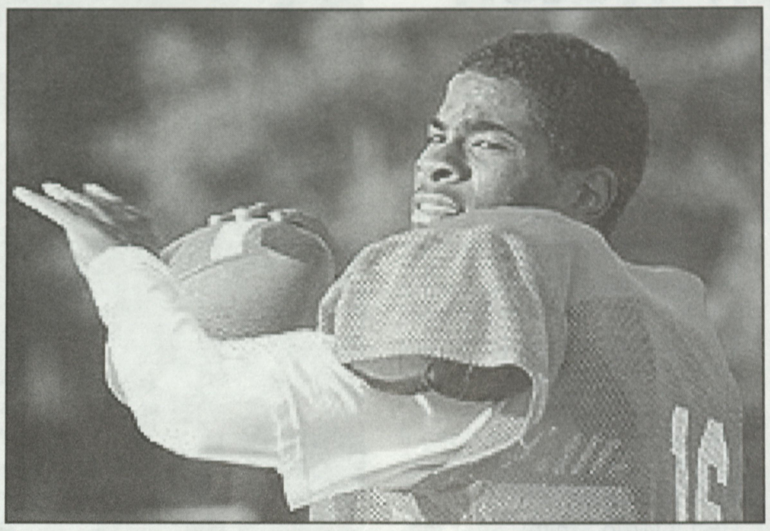
Dustin Johnson: The Missing Link

By Matt Rosati

Three years ago, Salisbury head coach Sherman Wood had a vision when he hired offensive coordinator Doug Fleetwood. The two of them schemed to create the most explosive triple option attack in the country. With proven stars Tony Ellis and Reggie Boyce leading the ground game, two thirds of the puzzle was in place. Enter freshman quarterback Dustin Johnson. In only two weeks Johnson has managed to light up both opposing defenses and scoreboards. Guiding the Gulls to a perfect start, Johnson has led the offense to an amazing 38 points a game, including 55 versus a shell-shocked William Patterson University, the highest Salisbury output in 14 years.

Leading Delmar High to a 23-10 record during his career including a state title, one would think that Johnson would have an easy transition from the prep rankings to NCAA football. He is humbly reminded by junior team captain and roommate, Muhammid Husainey, that, "He isn't in high school anymore. Nobody cares if he was state player of the year, he's running with the big dogs now."



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With that in mind, Johnson has seemed to be able to step up and take over the reigns of an offense that is dominated by veterans. He gives credit to them for his fast start.

"All those guys [Boyce, Ellis, Beau Ridgeway, Kevin Belt] have helped me learn the offense, Johnson said. "They've made my job much easier."

It is one of the unwritten rules in football that the quarterback must be the leader, no matter the situation. Johnson brings his own attitude to the table.

"I don't lead by yelling," Johnson added. "I'm the quiet type. I don't say much, but my teammates know what I'm all about, I try to lead by actions."

Senior guard Ridgeway believes that Johnson will take the team to the next level.

"There's a good chance with him back there we will be playing past Thanksgiving," he said. "Dustin is so dangerous. He can make the big run, he makes great reads, or he can just kill a defense with his arm."

It's easy to see where Johnson acquired his leadership habits. As a boy playing football in his backyard, he dreamed that he was Joe Montana, wearing number 16. He envisioned rolling out of the pocket on a third and long, finding Jerry Rice in the end zone for the winning score. Or perhaps it came from his brother Traiter, whom Johnson credits for most of his successes on and off the field.

When he is not on the field Johnson loves to sit back, watch TV, with the "fellas" and play Maddens on PSX2. As a physical education major, Johnson hopes to pursue a career as a high school gym teacher and football coach, but only if his dream to play professional football should happen to fall short. Although only three games have been played in his young career, one cannot help but think of the tremendous future this QB has in front of him. It is easy to imagine the Gulls needing a score late in the fourth, only to call on their own number 16 to rally for a late comeback. As in his young childhood days, he finds his favorite receiver in the corner of the end zone, for the win.

MLB Update

By Matt Gombos

Pop quiz, hot shot: which team has just clinched their division for the fifth, yes the fifth, straight year in a row? No, it's not the Orioles. It can only be one team...the New York Yankees. They accomplished this feat with a victory over the Tigers on Saturday afternoon. We all know how excited everyone gets when we talk about the Yankees, but there is other interesting stuff around the league that I am forced to discuss.

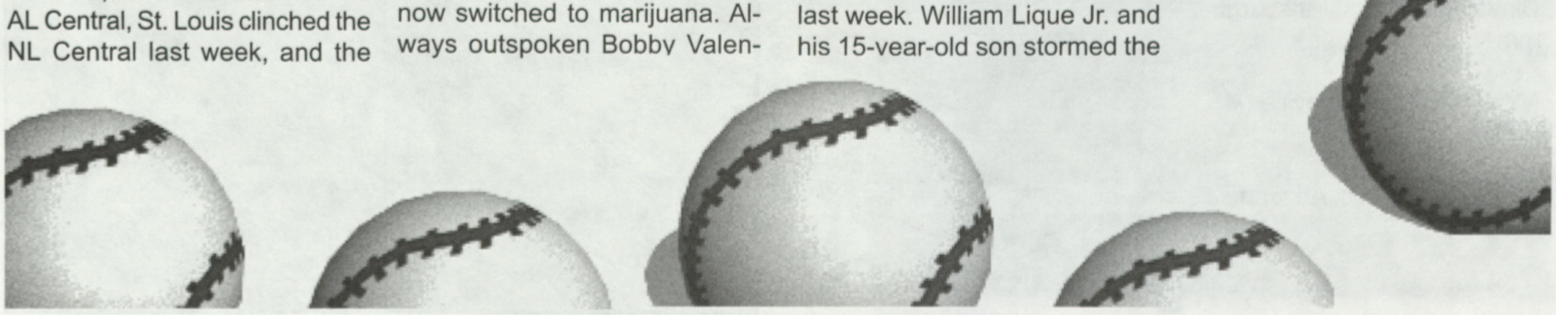
Sticking with those who have clinched, the Twins have won the AL Central, St. Louis clinched the NL Central last week, and the Braves are the winners of the NL East. Oakland and Anaheim are still battling it out for the AL West title. The loser of that race will most likely take the wildcard, although Seattle still has a small chance of getting in. Despite not clinching just yet, Arizona looks to win the NL West, while LA and the Giants are in a very close race for the American League's wildcard spot.

Drug rumors, once again, begin lurking around the New York Mets. After their little cocaine binge in the mid 80's they have calmed it down a bit, but have now switched to marijuana. Always outspoken Bobby Valentine had this to say.

"I guarantee you no one was in uniform and smoking marijuana unless they were running around with a whole lot of Visine in their eyes," the Mets manager said. "I grew up in the '60s. I think I could tell by looking in a guys' eyes if he was smoking dope."

Dope, I haven't heard that used since the 60's.

In other news around the league, Kansas City Royals first base coach, Tom Gamboa, was attacked on the field of play in the ninth inning, in a game against the Chicago White Sox, last week. William Lique Jr. and his 15-year-old son stormed the field and beat up Gamboa with an attack from behind.

There's some nice father and son bonding for you. What is even more hilarious, Lique's reasoning behind the attack was because he was mad at how the Chicago White Sox had been playing lately. Hmm, so we attack the other teams coach, makes perfect sense to me. Hey, have another one buddy!

And that's a wrap for this week's MLB Update.